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GRANT TO AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of Indian Agricultural Universities has submitted a proposal for the strengthening of research and education in the Agricultural Universities in the country during the Xth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) the financial assistance proposed for each of the Agricultural Universities in the country; and

(d) by when the final decision will be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Association of Indian Agricultural Universities has submitted the proposal to Planning Commission.

(b) The proposal developed by the Association of Indian Agricultural Universities and submitted to the Planning commission included following objectives:-

1. To develop employment generation programmes for diversified spectrum of rural agricultural work force;

2. To develop cost effective technologies, their refinement and dissemination with integrated research for holistic development of agricultural system aiming to boost socio economic status of farming community;

3. To develop forward and backward linkages with scientific organizations, line departments and Panchayati Raj institutions, industrial houses for co-coordinated approach toward effective transfer of technological practices;

4. To develop infrastructure for rendering quality services.

In order to meet these objectives the proposal included following programmes:-

1. Courses for rural employment generation;

2. Skill empowerment for lecture Transfer of Technology;

3. Resources (target oriented);

4. Commercial activities for resource generation and better services.

(c) & (d): The Association of Indian Agricultural Universities did not make university wise funding proposal and the Planning Commission has not made allocation for the purpose.